

In the Claims:

1. – 27. (Cancelled)

28. (New) An unsaturated polyester resin which is formed from the reaction product of an polybasic acid or anhydride and an alcohol, a vinyl ester resin formed from the reaction product of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and an epoxy resin, from about 1 to less than 15 percent by weight of a polyfunctional acrylate compound, and less than about 15 percent by weight of a vinyl monomer, wherein said laminating resin is devoid of alkoxylated bisphenol-A dimethacrylate.

29. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 wherein said unsaturated polyester resin has a weight average molecular weight ranging from about 300 to 2000.

30. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 wherein said vinyl ester resin has a weight average molecular weight ranging from about 450 to 1500.

31. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 wherein said vinyl ester resin is formed from the reaction product of monocarboxylic acid or anhydride with an epoxy resin.

32. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 wherein said polyfunctional acrylate is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol dimethacrylate, butanediol dimethacrylate, trimethylol propane trimethacrylate, and mixtures thereof.

33. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 wherein said vinyl monomer is selected from the group consisting of styrene and vinyl toluene.

34. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 further comprising a dicyclopentadiene resin.

35. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 further comprising hydroxypropyl methacrylate.

36. (New) A laminating resin comprising the laminating resin composition according to Claim 28 wherein said unsaturated polyester resin comprises a component selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, cinnamyl alcohol, crotonic acid, cinnamic acid, sorbic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, benzoic acid, benzyl alcohol, cyclohexanol, 2-ethyl hexanol, trimethylol propane diallyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

37. (New) The laminating resin according to Claim 28 wherein the epoxy resin has more than one vicinal group per molecule.